

North Carolina State Library  
CONFERENCE ON INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION  
Jack Tar Durham Hotel and Motor Lodge  
Durham, North Carolina  
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SUMMARY OF MEETING

The objectives of the meeting were:

1. To identify and discuss service needs, resources, and communication in North Carolina libraries.
2. To identify long-range goals and interim steps toward interlibrary cooperation which might be undertaken under Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act.
3. To consider changes in interlibrary loan policies and procedures within the State.

Twenty-eight librarians from North Carolina college, university, special, school and public libraries, and six librarians from the State Library gathered around a large table to discuss matters outlined in the above stated objectives.

Not only will the ideas discussed by the group be helpful in planning for Title III activities, but the process of producing them was exciting and encouraging to the participants.

At the end of the conference, each participant was asked to express his opinion as to the first three priorities for action that should be given to ideas expressed. Those priorities were tabulated and used to arrange the order of the following project ideas discussed at the meeting. Actually the first two are almost interchangeable; of the 19 sheets tabulated, "communications" received 11 first priority votes and 6 second priority; "improvement of union catalog" received 8 first priority votes and 11 second priority. No State Library personnel sheets were counted. Actually, as several respondents pointed out, a bibliographical center with a good union catalog and easy communication access by all types of libraries are parts of the same idea.

I. Communication network

- A. Proposed In-WATS service from public library system headquarters to State Library excellent first step for rapid communication of user's need.
- B. Communications system should be flexible to adjust to changing needs and new inventions. It should be compatible so far as can be predicted with regional and national systems.
- C. TWX connection of major resource libraries (universities and State Library).
- D. Consideration of facsimile transmission after results of New York experiment known.
- E. Keep informed on library implications of computers for bibliographic and information retrieval as part of long-range planning.